GX Foundation Distributes Over 4,000 Disaster Preparedness Kits on Efate

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Disaster kits ready for distribution by GX Foundation at Erakor Village.
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Over 4,000 disaster preparedness kits have been delivered to households on Efate by GX Foundation, a Hong Kong-based international humanitarian organisation working to improve public health and disaster resilience in Vanuatu.

This effort is part of a two-year partnership between GX Foundation and the Ministry of Health (MoH) of Vanuatu, focused on addressing urgent health and disaster challenges. The Foundation's work includes vector-borne disease control, Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) management, and readiness for climate-related disasters.

"This marks our fifth mission to Vanuatu in just six months," said Ryan Chen Yang, Assistant Director of GX Foundation. "What makes this programme different is that it's not just about aid — it's about creating solutions together with the community. Every one of these kits was shaped by local input."

Each household kit contains practical items such as hand-crank radios, flashlights, first-aid supplies, water purification tablets, whistles, and other essential tools. In addition to individual kits, GX Foundation is distributing 500 larger community recovery kits to villages. These are equipped with tarpaulins, rescue ropes, raincoats, and more, designed to support long-term community recovery after natural disasters.

Following a successful trial in Saama Village in May — where 64 kits supported 58 households — the Foundation launched its full-scale distribution. Over 4,000 kits have now been delivered, with the remaining kits (bringing the total to 5000 households) expected to be distributed by late July.

"Disaster preparedness isn't just about supplies," said Ryan. "It's about enabling communities to take the lead. Through this partnership, we've seen people view this work less as external help and more as something built together."

GX Foundation delivers medical and public health support while also building cross-cultural partnerships.

Its name comes from the Chinese term "Gòng Xiǎng / 共享," meaning "sharing," which reflects its mission of "Dialogue, Construction, and Sharing."

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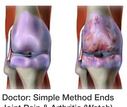
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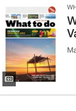

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